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Curatorial Records: Collection Logbooks

Date of Records: 1860s-ca. 1910

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Series/Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of various logbooks kept by the Army Medical Museum to record its holdings between its founding and 1910. The museum's first accessing system included three sections: Surgical (items related to surgical operations), Medical (items related to diseases not surgically treated), and Microscopical (prepared microscopic tissue sections). Preserved in the 1866 *Catalogue of the Army Medical Museum*, this system was soon modified.

In the late 1860s, the Surgical Section became the Pathological Section and three new sections were introduced: the Anatomical Section (non-pathological anatomical specimens); the Miscellaneous Section (artifacts, now in Historical Collections); and Comparative Anatomy Series (veterinary specimens). Museum staff also employed provisional sections and separate numbering systems for photographs.

Curator James Carroll briefly (1906-1907) employed a system based on McGill University, but the following curator returned to the earlier system. These early numbering systems lasted until World War I when a new accessioning system was begun.

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001: Surgical/Pathological Section (I) logbooks [see also Boxes 8-9, 11-12, 17-18, 20-21]

- PS 19978-10742 (MM 8782), 1890-1894
- SS 4720-5473 (MM 8773), 1867-1868



Box 002: Medical Section (II) index *[see also Boxes 2, 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 22-24]*

- Specimens 1-1217 (MM 8768), n.d., indexed to *Catalogue of the Medical Section of the US Army Medical Museum*, Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1867

Box 003: Medical Section (II)/Pathological Section (I) logbook *[see also Boxes 2-3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 22-24]*

- Specimens 1-881, renumbered as PS 7448-8330 (MM 8755)

Box 004: Anatomical Section (IV) logbooks *[see also Boxes 4, 5, 9, 13, 17]*

- AS 1-534 (MM 8775), 1867-1869
- AS 535-1234 (MM 8759-1), 1869-1875
- AS 1235-1954 (MM 8759-2), 1875-1879

Box 005: Anatomical Section (IV) logbooks *[see also Boxes 4, 5, 9, 13, 17]*

- AS 1955-2840 (MM 8759-3), 1879-1888
- AS 2841-3544 (MM 8783), 1888-1894
 - Incl. **Comparative Anatomy (V)** and **Miscellaneous Section (VI)** material *[see also Boxes 6, 7, 9, 14-17]*

Box 006: Comparative Anatomy Section (V) logbooks *[see also Boxes 6, 9, 14, 15, 17]*

- CA 1-2675 (MM 8561), n.d.-1888
- CA 1822-2422 (MM 8784), n.d.-1881
 - Duplicating entries in above book, called "Skeletons of Fishes"

Box 007: Miscellaneous Section (VI) logbooks *[see also Boxes 7, 9, 16, 17]*

- MS 1-856 (MM 8758-1), 1867-1877 (1st series)
- MS 857-1060 (MM 8758-2), 1877-1884 (1st series)
- MS 1047-1894 (MM 8560), 1889-1894 (2nd series)

Box 008: Various logbooks

- Index to donors of **Surgical Section (I)** specimens 1014 to 6241 (MM 8769), n.d. *[see also Boxes 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21]*
- Index to patients, **Provisional Pathological** and **Provisional Anatomical Sections** (MM 8748), n.d. *[see also Boxes 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11-13, 16-18, 20, 21]*
- Index to patients, **Surgical Section (I)** (MM 8747), n.d. *[see also Boxes 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21]*

Box 009: All collections logbook

- Reception book, all collections (MM 8731), 1884-1907

Box 010: Illustrations logbooks *[see also Boxes 10, 18, 19]*

- Register of photographs (MM 8802), ca. 1869-1894, indexed by name and subject



- Logbook of woodcuts for publications, 1-2000 (MM 8590), n.d.
 - With engravings of specimens cut out and pasted onto pages, with section and specimen numbers

Box 011: Surgical/Pathological Section (I) logbooks *[see also Boxes 1, 8-9, 11-12, 17-18, 20-21]*

- SS 4720-6154 (MM 8760-1), 1864-1872
- SS 6155-7189 (MM 8760-2), 1872-1881
- SS 7190-7447 (MM 8760-3), 1881-1884
- PS 6718-7448 (MM 8559), 1877-1882

Box 012: Surgical/Pathological Section (I), Medical Section (II) and Comparative Anatomy (V) logbooks

- PS 9200-10007 (MM 8771), 1884-1890 *[see also Boxes 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21]*
- Numerical Index of Surgical Section *[see also Boxes 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21]* and Comparative Anatomy *[see also Boxes 6, 9, 14, 15, 17]* specimens (MM 8781), n.d.
- Catalogue, Section I, Subsection II, Injuries and Surgical Diseases of the Lower Animals, (MM 8539), ca. 1860s *[see also Boxes 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21]*
- Catalogue of Medical Section, 1-1585 (MM 8523-5), n.d. *[see also Boxes 2, 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 22-24]*

Box 013: Microscopical Section (III) and Anatomical Section (IV) logbooks and lists

- Catalogue of Microscopic Preparations, Added since Printed Catalogue Was Issued, 2121-4472 (MM 8537), n.d. *[see also Boxes 9, 13, 17, 25-28]*
- Logbook for Microscopical Section, 6417-7760 (MM 8761-3), n.d. *[see also Boxes 9, 13, 17, 25-28]*
- List of Pathological Specimens Referred to the Microscopical Section (MM 8794), 1880-1898 *[see also Boxes 9, 13, 17, 25-28]*
- Logbook of Anatomical Section, AS 1344-2171 (MM 8762), 1876-1884 *[see also Boxes 4, 5, 9, 13, 17]*
- Catalogue of Crania and Skeletons, n.d.

Box 014: Comparative Anatomy Section (V) logbooks and lists *[see also Boxes 6, 9, 14, 15, 17]*

- Comparative Anatomy logbook with accompanying letters of transmittal (MM 8761-2), 1870s
- List of Skeletons and Crania in the Section of Comparative Anatomy, manuscript by H.C. Yarrow (MM 9193), 1870s
- List of Crania and Skeletons of Birds (MM 9194)
- List of Crania and Skeletons of Fishes (MM 9196)
- List of Crania and Skeletons of Batrachia and Reptilia (MM 9195)

Box 015: Comparative Anatomy Section (V) logbooks and lists *[see also Boxes 6, 9, 14, 15, 17]*

- Catalogue of Comparative Anatomy cross-referenced to Linnaean taxonomy, n.d.
- Index of specimens of Comparative Anatomy sorted by class (MM 8770), n.d.



- Index of specimens of Comparative Anatomy sorted by class (MM 8766), n.d.
- Index of specimens of Comparative Anatomy sorted by species (MM 8541), n.d.
- List of Crania of Lower Animals (MM 8793), n.d.

Box 016: Miscellaneous Section (VI) logbooks and indexes *[see also Boxes 7, 9, 16, 17]*

- Logbook of Miscellaneous Section, MS 1-1046 (MM 8776), 1883-1889, with "old number" and donor cross references
- Index to Microscopes and Microtomes, n.d.
- Index to Instruments (MM 8765), n.d.
- Catalogue of Indian Curiosities, Etc., n.d. (photocopy)
- Numbering and location of medals, n.d. (no descriptive information)
- Miscellaneous Articles, Chiefly Interesting as Curiosities, n.d.

Box 017: Various logbooks

- Reception Book, all sections, no numbering system (MM 8562), 1877-1894
- Specimens Received, all sections, no numbering system (MM 8774), 1877-1879
- History of Specimens/Inventory of Specimen Preparation (MM 8761-1), 1863-1864?
- Case and Shelf Location of Specimens (MM 8645), n.d.

Box 018: Various logbooks *[see also Boxes 10, 18, 19]*

- Index to Surgical Photographs (called Index of Miscellaneous Drawings, Etc.) (MM 8800), 1869-1880
- Index to (Surgical) Photographs (MM 8797), n.d.
- List of photographs and woodcuts used in circulars and MSHWR (MM 8845), n.d.
- Catalogue of Woodcuts (used in circulars and MSHWR) (MM 8529), n.d.
- Illustrations Used in the Publications of the S.G.O. (MM 8746), 1865-1893
- **Provisional Pathological Series** logbook/Contributed Photographs logbook/Photographs taken at AMM logbook (MM 8646), n.d. *[see also Box 8]*

Box 019: Various logbooks *[see also Boxes 10, 18, 19]*

- Index to Photographs by patient name, Surgical and Contributed Photographs (MM 8799), n.d.
- Reception and disbursal of photographs/specimens requiring examination and report (MM 8795), 1864-1894
- Pelvis - General and Specific Memoranda for MSHWR (MM 8786), n.d.
- Gunshot Penetrating Wounds of Abdomen logbook (MM 8763), n.d.
- Alleged Recoveries from Wounds of Liver, Kidney, Gall Bladder (MM 8815), 1863-1865
- Upper Extremity References (MM 8785), n.d.

Box 020: Various logbooks

- Stomach and Intestines, Spleen and Pancreas logbook (MM 8764), n.d.
- Index of **(Pathological) Specimens (I)**, PS 1-14801 (MM 8767), with case and shelf location, n.d. *[see also Boxes 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21]*



- Histories of **Pathological/Surgical Series (I)** of Drawings (MM 8778), n.d. *[see also Boxes 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21]*
- Catalogue of Pathological Drawings of **Medical Series (II)**, n.d. *[see also Boxes 2, 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 22-24]*

Box 021: Surgical Section (I) Reception Book, SS 6200-7447, 9200-9950 (MM 8754), n.d. *[see also Boxes 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21]*

Box 022: Record of Specimens Received, Medical Section (II) (MM 8730), 1864-1884 *[see also Boxes 2, 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 22-24]*

Box 023: Medical Series (II) No. 2, specimens 882-1477, renumbered as PS 8331-8927

- (MM 8729-1), 1864-1879 *[see also Boxes 2, 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 22-24]*

Box 024: Medical Series (II) No. 3., specimens 1477-1741, renumbered as PS 8927-9191

- (MM 8729-2), 1879-1883 *[see also Boxes 2, 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 22-24]*

Box 025: Catalogue of Microscopical Preparations (Section III), Vol. 1, #2121-5254

- (MM 9536-1), 1865-1874 (previous numbers in printed catalogue) *[see also Boxes 9, 13, 17, 25-28]*

Box 026: Catalogue of Microscopical Preparations (Section III), Vol. 2, #5309-7977

- (MM 8536-2), 1868-1879 *[See also Boxes 9, 13, 17, 25-28]*

Box 027: Catalogue of Microscopical Preparations (Section III), Vol. 3, #7978-12338, 1879-1909 *[see also Boxes 9, 13, 17, 25-28]*

Box 028: Catalogue of Microscopical Preparations (Section III), Vol. 4, #12501-17500

- (MM 8536-4), 1918-1919 *[see also Boxes 9, 13, 17, 25-28]*
- Catalogue of **Microscopical Preparations (Section III)**, Vol. 5, #17501-20823
- (MM 8536-5), 1918-1919 *[see also Boxes 9, 13, 17, 25-28]*

Box 029: Record of Circular No. 7 ("Report on Amputations of the Hip-Joint in Military Surgery" by George A. Otis) S.G.O., 1867, listing contributors of cases and patients, including loose pages in folder; and **Record of Circular No. 5** ("Report on Epidemic Cholera" by Woodward), S.G.O., 1867, listing contributors of cases